

SALMONELLA ANALYSIS

Salmonella is found naturally in animals and the environment and is a potential pathogen to humans. The organism is easily and commonly transmitted from animals to humans, and/or humans to other humans and animals. Various foods have been identified as possible vehicles for transmission of *Salmonellae*. Most of these foods are of animal origin or contaminated by foods of animal origin. Fish and shellfish may become contaminated by water that contains waste products from humans and animals.

Since cooking of raw seafood will destroy *Salmonella*, its presence in cooked, ready-to-eat products indicates cross-contamination between cooked and raw products, or contamination originating from food handlers or equipment.